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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Cape Town—Plague-infected rodents found at East London.

The following is received from the medical officer of health, under

date of May 14, 1906:

East London.—During the week ended May 12, 80 rodents, of which 18 were found dead, were bacteriologically examined. Of this number 3 were found to be plague infected. The area of infection is confined to the original site of discovery.

Report from Freetown, Sierra Leone—Sanitary conditions.

Vice-Consul Dougherty reports, May 24, as follows:

Health conditions remain the same at this consular post and throughout the surrounding territory.

No malignant or contagious disease has been reported as prevailing

in any part of the country.

Smallpox is present only to a slight degree. There has been no repetition of the epidemic which existed a year or more ago. No serious outbreak of disease has been reported from any part of the west coast of Africa.

AUSTRALIA.

Plague in Queensland—Examination of rodents for plague infection.

The department of public health of Queensland reports as follows:

WEEK ENDED APRIL 28, 1906.

Brisbane.—No case of plague reported. Rodents examined, 370;

no infection found. Last infected rat found April 12.

Rockhampton.—No further development of plague. Dead and diseased rats were found on the premises from which the 8 cases reported for the weeks ended April 12 and 21 were taken. Dead rats were also found in the vicinity.

WEEK ENDED MAY 5, 1906.

Brisbane.—One case of plague, reported April 30. The patient was a boy employed in a produce store. He injured his hand while at work and developed plague twenty-four hours later. The case ended fatally on May 2. Rodents examined, 270; no infection found.

Rockhampton.—One new case of bubonic plague reported, May 1.